THE NATIONAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

for

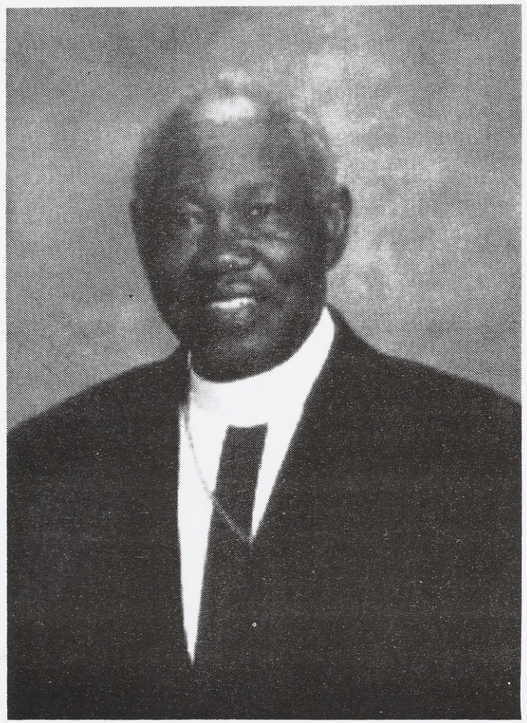
The Right Reverend Nathaniel Jones, Jr.
Prelate
California Southern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church of God in Christ

Friday, the nineteenth of October
At ten o'clock in the morning
Two Thousand One
Anno Domini

Barstow Church of God in Christ
1375 Sage Drive
Barstow, California 92311

THE RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE
First Assistant Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ
Chief Officiant

"SERVANT OF GOD, WELL DONE!"



BISHOP NATHANIEL JONES, JR.

Up, Up and Away

When this life's sun goes down, My spirit shall ascend up,
Know that my work here is over, I've partaken of the bitter sweet cup.
However gloom to you it may seem, My father has made his choice,
And as it is my time has come, As always I've answered His voice.
He called me, so you did not hear, Your tears were seen and prayers heard,
But I've vowed to do as He said, According to His Word.
Remember now the things I've taught, Let not the teachings be in vain,
They were all about the place I've gone, You'll come too, but now you must remain.
Be strong and prayerful, full of faith, In God through Jesus, His only Son,
You'll have the joy, you'll handle the pain, Then you'll know the Lord has Won.
Precious in the sight of the Lord, Is something we may not see,
But missing each other is something we do, Up here where I am...that's not to be.
The Lord went back to prepare this place, So it is there I have gone,
Remember He sent back the Holy Ghost, So you know you're not alone.
Our fears, our tears He understands, Quite naturally He knows best,
Through many a toil, trials and strife, You have to stand the test!
Let go and Let God have His way, He'll show you how to live,
My earthly mission is completed, but it's more that I can give.
The good memories, the love, and time spent, With each one of you that I met,
And because we can live forever, There's no reason we should forget!

QUIET MOMENTS.....*The Organist*

THE PROCESSIONAL
The Adjutant General
**THE PRESIDING BISHOP*
The Assistant Presiding Bishops
The General Board
The Bishops
The Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders
The Visiting Clergy
The Family

Note: (*) Where indicated, the congregation will please stand

The Sealing of the Bier

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....*The Bishop*

***THE HYMN OF COMFORT**.....*The Choir and Congregation*
"When We All Get To Heaven"

***THE INVOCATION**.....*The Bishop*

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 40:28-31

THE CHORAL RESPONSE.....*The Choir*
"And In Jesus, I'm Safe Evermore"

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - I Thessalonians 4:13-18

***THE STATEMENT OF FAITH**.....*The Bishop*

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE BIBLE
We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING GOD
We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE CHURCH
We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SIN
We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SALVATION
We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING CHRIST
We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE HOLY GHOST
We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SANCTIFICATION
We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. *AMEN*

THE SELECTION.....*The California Southern Third Jurisdictional Choir*

THE TRIBUTES (3 Minutes)
The Board of Bishops.....*The Bishop L. T. Walker*
Chairman
The General Assembly.....*The Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr.*
Chairman
The Women's Department.....*Mother Willie Mae Rivers*
General Supervisor of Women
The General Church.....*Elder A. Z. Hall*
General Secretary
The General Board.....*The Bishop W. Wyatt Hamilton*
Secretary

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT PRESIDING BISHOP

THE SERMONIC HYMN.....*The Choir and Congregation*
"Amazing Grace"

THE EULOGY.....*The Right Reverend Charles Edward Blake*
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***THE RECESSIONAL**

Assisting Officiants
Members of the General Board

The Bishop Charles Edward Blake
First Assistant Presiding Bishop
The Bishop J. Neaul Haynes
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop
The Bishop W. Wyatt Hamilton
Secretary
The Bishop Roy Lawrence Hailey Winbush
Assistant Secretary
The Bishop Chandler David Owens
Past Presiding Bishop
The Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks
The Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.
The Bishop LeRoy Anderson
The Bishop Levi E. Willis, Sr.
The Bishop George Dallas McKinney
The Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells, Jr.
The Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr.
Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Emeritus

THE ENTOMBMENT
Friday, October 19, 2001
Riverside National Cemetery

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:
Hall High Desert Mortuary
Victorville, California

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
The Board of Bishops
Church of God in Christ

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Superintendents, Pastors, and Elders
California Southern Third Jurisdiction

Bishop Nathaniel Jones, Jr. was born into the union of the late Nathaniel Jones, Sr. and Eurusla Redwood Jones on December 21, 1931. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of twelve in the year of 1945, at which time he also received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Since that time, he has remained faithful to the Lord's calling.

Bishop Jones was called to the ministry in 1951 and served under the tutelage of the late Bishop J. A. Blake for approximately twelve years. (Bishop J. A. Blake has long been recognized and remembered as one of the for most revered pioneers and teachers in the Churches of God in Christ all over the nation). In 1952, Bishop Jones married Mrs. Lula Mae Armstrong Jones, from this union they were blessed with seven children. In 1958, he was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ, and in 1960 he moved to Barstow, California, where he was assigned to the Pastorate of the Barstow Church of God in Christ.

Upon his arrival in Barstow, Elder Jones began to evangelize with such a zeal that souls began to be added to the church. In 1961, Elder Jones was assigned as District Superintendent. On May 17, 1965, God called Elder Jones to the full time ministry. Continuing to seek God, he received God's guidance and was given a vision to build God a house on top of a mountain. With eight members they rallied and built a church to house the saints. The church has experienced steady growth during the past 30 years and now numbers nearly 300 in the congregation. Barstow Church of God in Christ has been called the most faithful church in the area, in meeting the needs of its constituents.

In 1970 he was appointed as Chairman of the National Sunday School Department, as well as the Secretary of the National Publishing Board. In 1971 he was consecrated Bishop and appointed as Jurisdictional Bishop of Utah. In 1976 Bishop Jones was appointed as Jurisdictional Bishop of Idaho, and in 1985 Bishop Jones was appointed as the National Executive Director of the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges. Due to his successful leadership skills, Bishop Jones was ultimately assigned to serve the Church of God in Christ as Jurisdictional Bishop of the Southern California Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction where he served since 1987.

Bishop Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Linda Vista Baptist College and Seminary, San Diego, California, 1958; Master of Arts Degree, California School of Theology, Glendale, California, 1972; Doctor of Divinity Degree, Trinity Hall Theological College and Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, 1975; Doctor of Philosophy Degree, Postgraduate (a.b.d.) California School of Theology, Glendale, California, 1976; and a Doctor of Education Degree, Postgraduate (a.b.d.) LaVerne University, LaVerne, California, 1984.

Bishop Jones held positions in several industry, community service and government associations including: Member of Advisory Board to the Mayor of Barstow, Member of Barstow Community Hospital Board, President of Ministerial Association of Barstow, Innovator of Barstow Head Start Program, PTA life-time member; Commissioner, San Bernardino County Welfare, Advancement for People of Color in the Public Schools, NAACP life-time member, Barstow Fire Department Board Member.

On Sunday, October 14, 2001, Bishop Nathaniel Jones, Jr. closed his eyes and stepped into eternity. He leaves to cherish the joys of his life-his wife, First lady Lula Jones of Barstow; three sons, Nathaniel III and Desiree Jones of Los Angeles, Michael and Elaine Jones of Layton, Utah. and Allen Jones of Ontario, California. Three daughters, Bernetha and Fred Wood, of Fontana, California, Rachelle and Michael Moore of Killeen, Texas, and Donna L. Jones of Riverside, California. One brother, Benjamin Jones of San Bernardino, California; Three aunts, Lorene Freeman of Arkansas, Julie Mae Hardman of Arkansas and Sue Willie Duncan of San Diego, California; Grandchildren Hiram of Ogden, Utah, Vashti of Layton, Utah and Maya of Los Angeles; and a Great-grandson Kaleb; and a host of relatives and friends.

When We All Get to Heaven

ELIZA E. HEWITT, 1851-1920 — EMILY D. WILSON, 1865-1942

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je-sus, Sing His mer-cy and His grace;
2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way Clouds will o-ver-spread the sky;
3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing ev-'ry day;
4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beau-ty we'll be-hold;
In the man-sions bright and bless-ed He'll pre-pare for us a place.
But when trav-'ling days are o-ver Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
Just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry Will the toils of life re-pay.
Soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen– We shall tread the streets of gold.
CHORUS
When we all get to heav-en, What a day of re-
When we all
What a
joic-ing that will be!
When we all see
day of re-joic-ing that will be!
When we all
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